

Robert Giles Outstanding Homesteader Award

The award, in memory of the Rev. Robert Giles, former Stated Clerk of Homestead Presbytery, honors clergy and laity in the Presbytery who have made outstanding contributions to church and community life.

One Award is made each year, consisting of an appropriately framed certificate, the addition of the recipient's name to an on-going plaque in the Presbytery office, and the opportunity for the recipient to designate a gift of \$100.00 to a special mission or ministry within the bounds of the Presbytery.

The Award is administered by a special task group, consisting of two members of the Presbytery's Personnel Subcommittee, two members of the Committee on Ministry, and two persons named at large by the Presbytery Council. The Task Group includes both lay and clergy, male and female. The decisions of the Task Group are considered final. Only the name of the annual recipient is publicly announced. The names of other nominees, who are not notified of their nomination, are not announced. A person may be a recipient only once. Re-nominations of non-recipients in a succeeding year is permissible.

All nominations must be mailed or delivered to the Presbytery office no later than October 1st.

Announcement and presentation of the Award will be made at the November meeting of Presbytery. Nominations may be made for, or by, any clergy continuing member of Presbytery, retired or active, or any lay member of a church in the Presbytery.

Nomination Process

Nominations should follow the outline below, using a typewriter or word processor, on standard 8-1/2 x 11" white paper, printed on one side only. Pages should be numbered at the center bottom of each page. Page 1 shall have the words, in bold caps, "ROBERT GILES OUTSTANDING HOMESTEADER AWARD NOMINATION" plus date of nomination at the top. Succeeding pages should have at the top, in bold type the words "Robert Giles Award nomination for (name of nominee)." Nominators must not inform anyone else of whom they are nominating, except as necessary to obtain data for the nomination. Nominators shall not inform those whom they are nominating of the fact.

Outline of Nomination Content

- A. Name, mailing address and phone number of Nominee, plus place of clergy service or home congregation membership. Include details about spouse name and names of children—especially if children are still resident in the home or in area.
- B. Name, mailing address and phone number of Nominator.
- C. If clergy member of Presbytery is being nominated, give place of current service or note if retired (service may be continuing); and history of other calls within the Presbytery.
- D. For a clergy nomination, give details of service to congregation(s) served; and/or of service in non-parish work that are the basis for this nomination. (The Stated Clerk of the Presbytery may be a source for this information.) Give qualitative information as well as quantitative--i.e., qualities and special achievements thought relevant.
- E. For lay persons give details of service to the local congregation--again supplying qualities and special achievements--something more than simply years served.
- F. For either clergy or lay person, detail any special services and achievements in the life of the Presbytery--offices and/or committees served, but with attention to special contributions.
- G. Any special positions/contributions/offices in the life of the church beyond the Presbytery-- Synod, General Assembly, ecumenical (interdenominational or interfaith).
- H. Special contributions in the life of the civil community--local town, region, state, nation and/or international.
- I. Why do you, the nominator, consider this person to be an "Outstanding" Homesteader?

(Please note: The Task Group will be considering the special quality of lasting contributions made by the nominee to the life of the Church -- not the number of years and offices served.)

**Mail or deliver your nomination, by October 1st, to:
Robert Giles Nomination
Homestead Presbytery
840 South 17th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508**

or email to cheryl@homesteadpres.org with the subject: *Robert Giles Nomination* and she will forward it on to the Task Group.

Thank you for taking the time and care to prepare this nomination!